

PUBLIC NOTICE

**The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Draft Environmental Assessment
Snohomish County, Washington**

Bridge Construction to Provide Access to a Portion of the Monte Cristo Grade Road

Notice is hereby given that FEMA plans to assist Snohomish County Department of Public Works in the construction of a bridge and approaches to provide access to a portion of Monte Cristo Grade Road from 342 Drive NE (near the community of Verlot). Federal financial assistance would be provided pursuant to the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended (The Stafford Act).

FEMA prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations. The Draft EA will be finalized after agency and public review and input. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including: Executive Orders #11988 (Floodplain Management), #11990 (Protection of Wetlands), #12898 (Environmental Justice), and #13084 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments). The alternatives evaluated include (1) constructing a new bridge and approaches to connect a portion of the Monte Cristo Grade Road to the Mountain Loop Highway via 342nd Drive NE, and (2) No Action. A previous EA evaluated possible road relocation alignments.

This notice will constitute the final notice as required by Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, FEMA will finalize the EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and fund the project.

The Draft EA is available for viewing at the following locations:

- 1 Snohomish County Public Works Land Use Counter, Administrative Building East, 2nd Floor, 3000 Rockefeller, Everett, WA 98201.
- 2 Verlot Public Service Center, U.S. Forest Service, 33515 Mountain Loop Highway Granite Falls, WA 98252
- 3 Granite Falls Library, 815 East Galena, Granite Falls, WA 98252
- 4 Robe Valley Fire Department 31907 Mountain Loop Hwy, Granite Falls, WA 98252
- 5 FEMA website: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm>.

Please submit your written comments to FEMA Region X Environmental Officer, Mark Eberlein no later than 5 p.m. on July 7, 2008. Comments can be:

- 1 Mailed: 130-228th Street SW, Bothell, Washington 98021
- 2 Faxed: 425-487-4622
- 3 E-mailed: mark.eberlein@dhs.gov

After the public comment period has closed, EAs will be moved to the archives page at: http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm.